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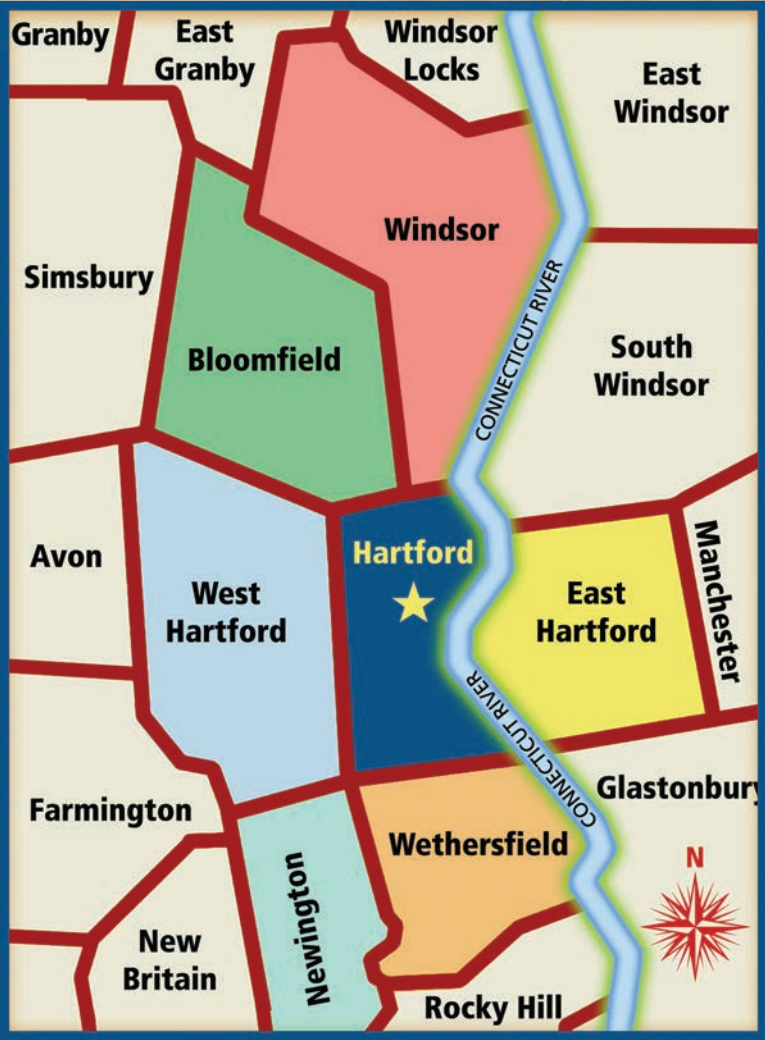
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# Greater Hartford's Meetings & Events Industry OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Greater Hartford is open for business and the Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau is booking meetings and sports events for the coming months and years.

The Capital Region has long been a desirable site for major events, and location is one reason why. Hartford lies midway between New York City and Boston, offering easy access from car, bus, train and plane. "Over 23.5 million people live within a 2½-hour drive of Hartford — a major selling point for meeting planners and sports promoters and their attendees," explains Bob Murdock, President of the Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau (CTmeetings). "Add to that the scenic beauty of the region and the abundance of historic, cultural and recreational activities nearby and it checks off lots of boxes."



Hartford Athletic fans celebrate a goal during a home game at Dillon Stadium.

Greater Hartford is even more appealing to planners than are many other locations in the U.S. Recognized nationally, Connecticut has led the way in safely getting back to business, including being one of the highest vaccinated states. Hotels and restaurants are committed to health and cleanliness protocols to ensure safe meetings and experiences. Many redesigned their meeting and event spaces to include more outdoor and indoor options and enhanced services with guests and meeting attendees in mind. Earlier this year, the Connecticut Convention Center achieved the Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities implementing the stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention in its facility.

The Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau has remained open since the start of the Coronavirus and continues to work with partners in state and local communities to advocate and support the meeting and hospitality industries. This includes its establishment of its "Hospitality Heroes Recognition" program that showcases hospitality industry

members for their innovative business initiatives and community support despite COVID challenges. Among its first group of honorees is the Max Cares Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by the region's Max Restaurant Group (MRG). Since the onset of the pandemic, Max Cares Foundation has been a leader in safety measures for MRG's employees, guests and the community, taking steps to ensure that other hospitality industry workers and area residents have not gone without proper nutrition.

This past spring and summer, most of the events business in our region were outdoor sports events, managed with careful social distancing protocol. Among those were the NCAA DI, II & III Men's Lacrosse Championships and the Women's Soccer Team USA vs. Team Mexico WNT Send-Off Series in the final competition before the Olympics — both at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, Hartford Yard Goats baseball at Dunkin' Donuts Park, Hartford Athletic soccer at Dillon Stadium, and the PlayFPN Summer Nationals softball tournament in Windsor.

In September, the Connecticut Convention Center reopened indoor activities with ConnectiCon, Connecticut's oldest fan run convention and one of Hartford's largest events. And, it is exciting to see Hartford's concert venues and parks welcome back returning and new outdoor festivals and events.

If you are involved with a professional, religious or fraternal organization, or an athletic program that might consider holding a regional, statewide or national event anywhere in our state, please contact the Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau. The office's experienced staff can help choose the venues and services that best suit the group. Contact President Bob Murdock at [robertm@CTmeetings.org](mailto:robertm@CTmeetings.org) or 860-882-1103, Or go to the website [www.CTmeetings.org](http://www.CTmeetings.org)



Dressed up with somewhere to go: ConnectiCon at the Connecticut Convention Center in September 2021. (Photo by Michael Busemer, BoZtoN Photography)



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## Where to go and how to get there



The two main themes of this edition of the *Hartford Guide* are destinations and transportation. While the region, and the rest of the world, have been focused on the still lingering COVID-19 pandemic, major developments have been moving ahead in Greater Hartford. Bradley Airport is moving forward with a major expansion and renovation. Riverfront Recapture is adding a new park. Parkville Market has become a regional destination. Link scooters have made getting around Hartford more fun and environmentally-friendly. Old favorites like The Bushnell, TheaterWorks and Hartford Stage are coming back to life following the pandemic. Read on and discover why it's an exciting time to live, work and play in the Greater Hartford region.



TOP: The new Parkville Market in Hartford.  
MIDDLE: The free Dash Shuttle serves Downtown Hartford.  
BOTTOM: Site of Riverfront Recapture's future park on the Hartford-Windsor town line.







off, on a day trip or leaving for vacation, Bradley offers on-site public parking at its garage and surface lots. Eight hundred and thirty new covered and uncovered spaces are being added to the facility's existing inventory.

### Customer Focus

When you fly, the airport is the first impression of your destination and last memory as you leave to return home. Bradley recognizes the importance of setting the bar in making the visitor feel welcome at arrival and glad they came. The airport's enhancements are made with the customer in mind and what will make for a pleasant trip.

Bradley's new mobile food ordering service and Sunflower Hidden Disabilities program assists individuals with hidden challenges, such as autism, chronic pain, anxiety, visual or hearing impairment or other challenge not immediately recognizable to others, as they make their way through the airport. The sunflower lanyard discreetly alerts the airport community that an individual may need a little extra assistance, direction and patience while at the facility. Participation is voluntary and the nature of one's challenge need not be disclosed. The lanyards are complimentary and available at the airport's information center.

In the age of COVID-19, airport staff continues to focus on passenger safety and have placed significant emphasis

on specialized cleaning and new precautionary measures. These efforts have earned Bradley a COVID-19 health accreditation from the Airports Council International World.

### Counted Among the Best

Bradley International Airport's enduring goal is to make travel easy, introducing upgrades, new initiatives and programs, new routes and additional amenities. The efforts have been rewarded with a number of customer acknowledgements.

Bradley is named a 2021 top 10 best small airport by one of the leading travel publications, *USA Today*. The facility took eighth place in the *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine Best Airports in the U.S. 2020 Readers' Choice Awards and has been recognized by the magazine's readers for several years. In addition to the wave of new flights, passengers found the convenient, on-site daily and overnight parking, restaurant choices, free Wi-Fi, abundant charging stations and its mid-size accommodated their needs and made maneuvering through the complex easier and more comfortable than larger hubs such as New York and Boston.

Based on customer reviews, travelers who use Bradley "Love the Journey".

# Bradley International Airport

## Soars To New Heights With Recent Renovations And Expansion Plans

The 2,432 acre parcel that is Bradley International Airport (Bradley) has always been an important asset to the northeast region. It first functioned as an army air force base where pilot training was conducted during World War II. Originally known as Windsor Locks Air Base, it was renamed Bradley Field in honor of a young pilot from Antler, Oklahoma, Lieutenant Eugene M. Bradley, who died in a dog fight training drill held at the base. After the war, in 1947, it became the home to the Connecticut Air National Guard and in 1948 the federal government deactivated the base and turned it over to the state. Positioned between New York and Boston, its location made it a perfect hub for commercial flights. A terminal and a control tower opened in 1952 with passenger air service from Eastern, United Northeast and American airlines. Today it hosts major airlines providing nonstop service to more than 30 cities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Ireland. Growth of the facility has been taking off ever since.

### Points of Distinction

Welcoming nearly 7 million customers a year, Bradley is New England's second largest and busiest airport, with Boston's Logan being the first. It is convenient for travelers from the greater Hartford region and western Massachusetts. New services to 12 cities and the addition of two new low-cost carriers offer customers more

flexibility in travel options to new and existing destinations. Breeze Airways, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, launched new nonstop routes to what they considered to be underserved markets from Bradley. Destinations include Charleston, SC, Columbus, OH, Norfolk, VA, and Pittsburgh, PA. Minneapolis-based Sun Country Airlines has created a nonstop route to Minneapolis and Orlando out of Bradley. However, the real feature to Bradley's expansion is the new Ground Transportation Center (Transportation Center), currently under construction. On track to open in the spring of 2022, the Transportation Center will transform how patrons experience the facility.

No more waiting for a shuttle to transport you out of the airport to the various rental car providers. Consolidation of all rental car services in the Transportation Center will allow for fast and uncomplicated accessibility to car pick up, all within short walking distance from the main terminal.

If your plans include the use of public transportation options, the Transportation Center will house a dedicated area for high-frequency buses connecting the airport to the rail lines and other regional transit options. The Bradley Flyer Express provides a direct route to and from the Connecticut Convention Center where travelers can hop on the DASH, Hartford's FREE shuttle, that stops at downtown restaurants, hotels and attractions.

Whether you're picking someone up or dropping them

### We make it easy for you to get there from here:

## The Bradley Flyer and the "Dash"



Why Uber or Lyft to and from the airport when you can take Connecticut Transit's direct and cheaper option to downtown Hartford, the Bradley Flyer (Flyer). You can catch the Flyer right outside of the baggage claim area of the airport terminal for the cost of one-way local bus fare, \$1.25, seven days a week. The Flyer runs approximately every hour with a 30 minute ride to the Connecticut Convention Center. All flights arriving and leaving from Bradley International Airport are displayed on monitors on the meeting room level and lobby of the convention center.



From the Connecticut Convention Center, the "dash", the city's free downtown area shuttle, provides access to hotels, restaurants and attractions. The free circulator runs Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. departing every 15 minutes from the various route stops. An extended schedule may include Saturday, Sunday and evenings for major downtown events. Extended service hours may be requested by convention center groups.

You can check the schedules of both the Bradley Flyer and the "dash" at the CTTransit website and Facebook page.



Riverfront Recapture's Martha Conneely leads a tour of the organization's future park on the Hartford-Windsor town line.



# Riverfront's New Frontier

The river that once divided the Greater Hartford region is now uniting it.

In its four decades of existence, Riverfront Recapture has recaptured more than just a riverfront. It has also recaptured the Greater Hartford region's sense of unity. Now the organization has taken a big step toward connecting the region physically as well as spiritually. This April, Riverfront officially announced it had purchased a 60-acre property along the river, north of Riverside Park and just south of Windsor. In addition to Riverside Park, Riverfront currently manages Charter Oak Landing and Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Hartford and Great River Park in East Hartford, along with walkways and paths connecting them all. The new park, which doesn't yet have a name, is adjacent to Windsor Meadows State Park. From this park, trails extend north through the Windsor Meadows and east over the Bissell Bridge to connect with trails in South Windsor and East Hartford. Riverfront is currently looking into expanding its trail system south into Wethersfield and even east into Glastonbury. Riverfront Recapture's expansion and success only seems natural. Developing the vast recreational opportunities offered by New England's longest river seems obvious. Binding the region together with its most prominent natural resource seems perfectly logical. However, a half-century ago, thinking of the Connecticut River as one of Greater Hartford's prime assets was not considered natural, obvious or logical. In fact, most people considered it preposterous.

## Back to the Source

Riverfront Recapture was founded in 1981. At that time, most motorists whizzed over the river with barely a passing glance at the water flowing beneath. Maybe some had personal memories of the disastrous floods of 1936 and 1938, after which Hartford reinforced its dike system and created a literal wall between the river and the city. Two decades later, I-91 was built between the river and the city, and the former was almost completely forgotten by the latter. In the late 1970s, a growing number of people started to give the river a lot more than a passing glance. Thanks to the growing environmental movement and the rapid decline of New England's manufacturing base, the river was a lot cleaner by then, and people were reimagining what a modern city could and should be. One of those reimagining sessions was held in 1980 at the Old State House. It was sponsored by Travelers Insurance, the Downtown Council, the City of Hartford, the Connecticut River Committee, Connecticut River Watershed Council and the Hartford Architecture Conservancy. The consensus was that reconnecting the region with the river was not only feasible but vital to greater Hartford's future. To accomplish that mission, Riverfront Recapture was created the following year. The organization soon set about transforming ideas into reality. In the 1980s, Great River Park in East Hartford and Charter Oak Landing in Hartford were created. Riverside Park

in Hartford was cleaned up and renovated. In 1986, Joe Marfuggi was hired as Riverfront's CEO, a post he would hold for almost three decades. Marfuggi was soon directing Riverfront's biggest project to date, Mortensen Riverfront Plaza. The plaza would be Riverfront's centerpiece, a place for festivals, concerts and numerous other events. The new plaza would be connected to East Hartford by a pedestrian promenade along the Founders Bridge and to downtown Hartford by a landscaped platform over I-91. Riverfront Plaza opened in 1999. A pedestrian bridge linking it to Constitution Plaza was opened a year later and the promenade along the Founders Bridge was completed in 2001. In the two decades since then, Riverfront has hosted countless events at its four parks and developed a highly popular community rowing program. Bit by bit, the parks have been connected by paved walkways. Now a new park will soon open with connections to the rest of the region.

## Riverfront's Future Park

Riverfront Recapture's future park will be located off Meadow Road on the Hartford-Windsor town line, between Meadow Brook to the south and Decker Brook to the north. The park's centerpiece will be Garmany Cove, which will be built by reconfiguring an existing wetland to accommodate kayaking, paddle-boarding, canoes and even dragon boats. The wetland's current narrow outlet into the Connecticut River will be expanded to several hundred feet. There will also be dedicated areas for fishing, a performance pavilion, and 10 acres set aside for commercial development. The existing property, most of which was open farmland, will be landscaped with trees to create walking paths and hiking trails. The new park will be connected to the rest of Riverfront's parks and trails by the Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk, which will extend 2.5 miles southward to Riverside Park. It will include bridges over both Meadow and Decker Brooks and connect with the Windsor Meadows trail system.



Riverfront Recapture's new park will be located off Meadow Road (top, right of center) on the Hartford-Windsor town line, between Meadow Brook (left) and Decker Brook (right). Garmany Cove will be developed from an existing wetland for various aquatic activities and its existing outlet into the Connecticut River will be greatly expanded.

## Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk



It is especially fitting that the new walkway connecting Riverfront Recapture's network of trails and parks along the Connecticut River with another network of trails in Windsor will be named after Joe Marfuggi. Connections were what Joe was all about. Before becoming Riverfront's CEO in 1986, Marfuggi already had a distinguished career as an educator, journalist, political strategist and community activist. He was exactly the man Riverfront needed, a man who could raise funds at a corporate meeting in the morning and oversee a fishing tournament in the afternoon, a man who wasn't afraid to take chances, like a rubber duck race fundraiser on the river. Most paid off, some didn't. Joe kept at it until his retirement in 2015. By then, Riverfront had become one of Connecticut's top destinations and a national model for community redevelopment. Joe passed away in 2018.

Friends, family and colleagues raised about half the funds needed to build the paved, 12-foot wide, 2.5 mile long walkway. They are hoping to make it as interactive, fun and accessible to all as Joe was, with whimsical art installations and rest sites for quiet reflection. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2022, and should be finished by the end of the year.





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Almost anything can pop-up on Pratt. Local merchants featuring special coffees and teas, vintage clothing, handmade all natural and vegan skin care products, one-of-a-kind jewelry, gift cards and posters created by Connecticut artist line the sidewalks as patrons enjoy pizza, a sandwich, a smoothie or a glass of wine at the café-style setting on the cobblestone street. Events and activities for all ages are scheduled throughout the year. The fall music series hit a high note with folk, classical, pop, rock and hip-hop lovers.

Visit [Hartford.com](http://Hartford.com), [Hartford Prints! Facebook event](http://Hartford Prints! Facebook event) or [prattst.com](http://prattst.com) for more information on "P.O.P" events.



## **Get Connected To The City With Link**

Hartford prides itself on being a "walkable" city. In fact, it's one of the many features that attracts young, talented professionals. However, there are times, at the end of a long day, riding to your destination is an opportunity you can't resist.

LINK e-scooters service was launched in Hartford in April to such great success that it's grown the initial fleet of 100 to 250 to meet the increased demand. Hartford's program averages four trips per day, per vehicle, with over 50,000 rides in Hartford. Usage is even higher on weekends.

LINK has deployed thousands of scooters in over 20 cities, from Seattle to Rome and is known for its record of compliance and safety. The electronic vehicles are equipped with custom-engineered Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) or Vehicle Intelligence Systems that intuitively perform maintenance repair of the electronic systems. This technology along with Geofencing ensures scooter safety and protects pedestrians by keeping riders out of restricted zones. LINK adheres to frequent sanitation protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Located on 201 acres in the southeast corner of Hartford, Brainard Airport has three runways and two helipads.

# Brainard Airport

## Hartford's Not-so-Hidden Gem

It is a unique occurrence for a small city to have its own airport, but it is an amenity that makes an appreciable contribution to the capital region's economic base. The installation is responsible for 426 jobs, \$17.1 million in labor income, \$54.8 million in total output and \$3.36 million in state taxes.

Hartford-Brainard Airport (Brainard) is located three miles from the city's central business district. It was designed as a general access facility and used by the public. It is also a designated reliever facility within the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems. Approximately 15 percent of the airport's total operations is for business purposes. Brainard is owned and operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA).

Established in 1921, it is named after Hartford Mayor

Newton C. Brainard and known to be the country's first municipal airport. Brainard's rich history also includes it being the first stop on Charles Lindbergh's national victory tour after completing his successful solo transatlantic flight. "Hartford is to be complimented on foreseeing the future of aviation, and breaking the ice, so to speak, by putting in a good airport," stated Charles Lindbergh during his address to the crowd. That "good airport" was also the landing site for Air Force One during President Biden's October visit to the state.

Brainard's value has not been lost on the aviation industry. Groups such as the Aircraft Owner and Pilot Association used the airstrip when it held two conventions at the nearby Connecticut Convention Center (CTCC). The airport has been an asset in the pursuit of aviation-related

conferences and conventions for the CTCC, most recently the National Business Aviation Association is considering Hartford for as future conference destination. The facility is home to 12 aviation-related businesses including a flight school, an aero-tech school, and aircraft maintenance services.

The CAA is exploring development opportunities for Brainard, a few studies have been conducted to examine runway additions, facility expansion and aviation-related business prospects. Until definite plans for the airport have been determined, Brainard will continue to be a diamond in the rough in Connecticut's capital city.



Early visitors to Brainard Airport included Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart and Connecticut's first licensed female pilot, Mary Goodrich of Wethersfield. Every year, Brainard holds Women in Aviation Day to encourage young girls to take to the air.



Sleek jets like this routinely fly in and out of Brainard Airport, which is only three miles from downtown Hartford. The airport also plays host to numerous events, such as the B-17 fly-in below.



## Organizations & Companies at Brainard Airport

### Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) Organizations

CT Aero Tech School  
State Police Aviation Unit  
Connecticut State Police Central District Headquarters  
Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security  
State of Connecticut Office of Health Preparedness & Response  
Civil Air Patrol, Connecticut Wind  
Connecticut Airport Authority

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## HARTFORD'S DEVELOPMENT PUZZLE:

# The Pieces Are Coming Together

During the pandemic, Hartford moved closer to achieving two goals that were set for it back in the 1990s. The first was the demolition and rebuilding of the city's major public housing projects. The second was increasing downtown Hartford's residential population to the "critical mass" necessary to attract shops, restaurants and other amenities needed to make the city's central business district a thriving, self-sufficient neighborhood.

## The Village at Park River



This September, a joint ribbon-cutting/groundbreaking ceremony was held to mark the completion of Phases I and II of the new Village at Park River community and the start of construction on Phase III. Village at Park River is a redevelopment of Westbrook Village, the last of Hartford's old-style housing projects, into a new, mixed-use community. The 40-acre site is located along the north branch of the Park River in the north-west corner of the city near Bloomfield and West Hartford. When complete, Village at Park River will have over 400 units of mixed-income townhouse-style homes, approximately 100,000 square-feet of new office and retail space, bike paths, community gardens and playgrounds, a community building with a fitness center and meeting space, and a central park.

## Bushnell South



When Hartford was in its heyday as "The Insurance Capital of the World," companies would spare no expense to construct home offices that projected wealth and stability. As a result, downtown Hartford seems to have an architectural gem on every corner. Now some of these handsome buildings are slated for redevelopment in an ambitious project along the edge of Bushnell Park known as Bushnell South. Although home to the State Capitol Building and one of the region's premier performance venues, The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, the area south of Bushnell Park is currently dominated by a series of surface parking lots. Backers of the Bushnell South redevelopment project plan to use The Bushnell as the anchor of a new arts and entertainment district for downtown Hartford. If completed as planned, Bushnell South will include approximately 1,200 residential units and ample space for restaurants, shops, bars and cultural institutions. Its price tag is estimated at \$500 million.

Plans to redevelop the area have been a topic of discussion among city leaders for well over a decade; however, the chance to acquire several key buildings has jump-started the effort. These buildings include 55 Elm at the corner of Elm and Hudson Streets, just across from Bushnell Park. It was originally built in 1926 as the headquarters of Connecticut General Life Insurance and was occupied by State of Connecticut offices until just recently. A block away are two more imposing buildings which were recently occupied by state government offices. 20 Trinity Street was built in 1905 for the Orient Insurance Company; 30 Trinity Street was built in 1917 for Phoenix Insurance.

## Arrowhead Redevelopment



When Interstate-84 was built through Hartford in the early 1960s, it sealed off downtown from the city's northside neighborhoods. The area in between became a desolate urban wilderness of parking lots and pedestrian-unfriendly highway ramps. When plans to build Dunkin' Donuts Park, home of the Yard Goats, Hartford's minor league baseball team, were first proposed, supporters saw the stadium as a catalyst for reconnecting what the highway split apart. The Arrowhead Redevelopment, named after the shape of the area slated for redevelopment, which is located north-west of the stadium, is crucial to fulfilling this goal. Developers of the project hope to fill the area with a mixture of housing and retail space. A new coffeehouse opened in the area in October 2021. Appropriately, it is named *Semilla*, Spanish for seed.

## North Crossing



Who wants to live across the street from a baseball stadium? Leasing agents for North Crossing will begin finding that out next Spring when the first of its 270 new apartments become available for occupancy. The new building is currently under construction at the southeast corner of

Main and Trumbull Streets; the ballpark occupies the north-east corner. In addition to the apartments, the building will also contain 11,000-square-feet of space for restaurants and shops and a 330-space parking lot. This is only Phase I of the North Crossing project, formerly known as Downtown North or "DoNo." Phase II will be built on the other side of Main Street and will be even larger, with 532 residential units and a 541-space parking lot plus more commercial space. The future of Downtown North is crucial to the development of downtown Hartford. If successful, this large influx of new residents is likely to attract new businesses – possibly even a supermarket – which will in turn attract more residents and visitors, turning downtown Hartford into the vibrant neighborhood it once was.

## Park and Main



Just as North Crossing and the Arrowhead Redevelopment project promise to transform downtown's northern end, so Park & Main will form the linchpin of development to the south. The first phase of the project, a new apartment house with 39 studio, one- and two-bedroom units, was completed in July at the southwest corner of Park and Main Streets. This building also contains five street level commercial spaces, three of which have been leased. Construction is now underway across the street on Phase II at the northwest corner of Park and Main. In addition to 87 apartments, this building will include a rooftop lounge and deck and a fitness center, as well as parking. Located on two long vacant properties, Park and Main is filling a crucial gap in the Hartford development puzzle. The area is known as South Green. Now a small park, South Green extended further south in Hartford's earliest days and was used as a common pasture for livestock. It also marked the dividing point between the two roads that led to two of the four towns that then constituted Greater Hartford, Wethersfield and Farmington. Today, South Green is the gateway to Park Street, a vibrant thoroughfare that is considered the heart of Connecticut's large and growing Hispanic population. It is also a short walk from Coltsville, a National Park in the making.





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Americans don't just want choices these days, we DEMAND them. Computers have put an exhausting array of choices right at our fingertips – from music to movies to TV shows. As wonderful as the internet may be, however, it's a lousy cook.

That's the main reason why the Parkville Market has become one of the region's hot spots in less than two years, even though it opened when the COVID-19 pandemic was shutting virtually everything else down. In fact, there are many towns in Connecticut that cannot offer as many different culinary choices as Parkville Market does – all under one roof.

Choose from Brazilian, Italian, Puerto Rican, Salvadorian, Tex-Mex, Vietnamese, Peruvian cuisines and more. You can also stick closer to home with American classics such as grilled cheese, barbecued baby back ribs, chicken 'n' waffles, hot fudge sundaes and that old New England favorite, clam chowder. There's even one eatery spe-

cializing in vegan dishes. The Market has three bars and weekly events with something going on every day of the week, including Irish Music Sessions on Mondays, Tuesday Trivia and comedy shows and live music on the weekends. Whether you dine in or take out, sit outside or inside, you can enjoy this amusement park for the taste buds anyway you choose.

Parkville Market is located in Hartford at 1400 Park Street, minutes from I-84, roughly half way between downtown Hartford and West Hartford Center. Once a manufacturing powerhouse, Parkville is now a diverse and vibrant neighborhood and home to some of Hartford's most innovative businesses and organizations, such as Real Art Ways, Hog River Brewing, DesignSourceCT and Hartford Flavor Company.

With 21 restaurants, three bars, seating for over 700 people and free parking for 320 vehicles, Parkville Market is well on it's way to hosting a million visitors annually.

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(Left to right) 2021 Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz; Mariachi Mexico Antiguo plays Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession; Jocelyn Pleasant and the Lost Tribe at Riverfront Recapture's HartBeat Music Festival.

## Embracing the Rhythms That Move Us

**L**ive music in Greater Hartford is plentiful, diverse and of the highest quality. From the nationally known Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz in Bushnell Park to backyard salsa concerts, Hartford is a music-lovers paradise.

One of the prime reasons for this musical excellence is the internationally-known Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford. Hartt's Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz has counted among its faulty members the late McClean himself, considered one of America's greatest alto saxophonists, as well as bassist Nat Reeves. Current teachers include Steve Davis, Rene McClean and several other standouts in the jazz world. Nationally known graduates include Jimmy Green, Dezron Douglas, Sarah Hanahan and many others.

The proliferation of top musicians produced by Hartt has given Greater Hartford a jazz music scene as good as almost anywhere in the country. The Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz draws thousands to Hartford every summer. Hartford Public Library's Baby Grand Jazz series keeps the music flowing in the winter. Monday Night Jazz in downtown Hartford's Bushnell Park is the longest continually-running jazz concert series in the nation.

Jazz is a large part of Greater Hartford's musical mosaic, but there's so much more. Fans of Bach, Beethoven and Bartok flock to hear the Hartford Symphony Orchestra play the classics at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts.

Nationally known country, rock and rap artists regularly play large-scale venues such as the XL Center, Infinity Music Hall and the Xfinity Theater. Most of the region's cultural institutions also host concerts on a regular basis, including the Wadsworth Atheneum and Real Art Ways, as do its many churches. Blues lovers find a home at the Black-Eyed & Blues Festival every summer and Riverfront Recapture's HartBeat Music Festival provides something for just about everyone.

Greater Hartford's diversity is also a key element in its music scene. Strolling musicians play "Parrandas" during the holidays, a cherished Puerto Rican tradition. Steel drum bands make the very air seem to shimmer at the West Indian Parade. Celtic music rings out from traditional "seisiúns" held at local bars and clubs. Faculty from the Mariachi Academy of New England add a lively touch to Mexican holidays and events. "Diverse" is the only way one can describe "Hartford's Hot Several," an eclectic and offbeat group of musicians whose members include Hartford City Council Member Josh Michtom and Connecticut Public Radio host Chion Wolf. Equally popular are the youngsters from Hartford Proud Drum, Dance & Drill Team, whose energy could light up an entire city!

Details on many of the region's major musical venues can be found in our Hartford Attractions, starting on page 31. For the latest on upcoming performances, check [Hartford.com](http://Hartford.com).



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## Winterfest

### Bushnell Park, Downtown Hartford November 26 – January 9

Winterfest Hartford brings free, family-friendly winter activities to thousands of families in Hartford and beyond. The Bushnell Park ice rink will be open for free skating daily November 26 to January 9 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day, when it will be open noon to 4 p.m.; and New Year's Eve, when it will have extended hours. Free learn-to-skate classes are offered on Saturdays in December from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. In addition, the Bushnell Park Carousel will be open and offering rides for \$2. For more information on Winterfest Hartford and an up-to-date schedule of events, visit [winterfesthartford.com](http://winterfesthartford.com). For Carousel hours of operation, see [Bushnellpark.org](http://Bushnellpark.org). To donate, go online at [www.winterfesthartford.com](http://www.winterfesthartford.com).

## Winterfair. Hartford's New Holiday Market

### Various Sites

### Through December 31

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Hartford was founded in 1636 by Reverend Thomas Hooker, whose sermon on liberty became the basis for Connecticut's Fundamental Orders, adopted in 1639 and considered by some to be the first written Constitution in the Western tradition. For its first 200 years, Hartford was a relatively minor river port and trading center. That all began to change when Samuel Colt decided to build a factory in his hometown to manufacture his increasingly popular Colt revolver. The Colt Armory was soon the largest privately-owned factory in the world and its distinctive blue-onion dome topped by a golden statue of a colt remains one of Hartford's most distinctive landmarks. The Colt factory attracted some of the most talented inventors of America's Industrial Revolution and Hartford was, for a time, the country's "Silicon Valley." It became an industrial powerhouse and continued to be so until after World War

II. The city's factories attracted waves of immigrants from countries around the globe, each of which has left its mark on the city.



Corning Fountain and the Connecticut State Capitol, downtown Hartford

Nineteenth-century Hartford was also one of the most forward-thinking cities in America in terms of culture. The Wadsworth Atheneum is the country's oldest public art museum; Bushnell Park is the country's first publicly-funded park; the American School for the Deaf (now located in West Hartford) was the country's first school specifically designed for the hearing impaired; and the Bulkeley Bridge is one of the world's

largest stone arch bridges. The city's prominence as a publishing center attracted Mark Twain, who moved in next door to Hartford native Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Both homes have been restored and are among the city's most prominent attractions. Just down the street from the Stowe House lived a little tomboy who would go on to become one of the greatest actresses Hollywood has ever produced, Katherine Hepburn, who is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, another of Hartford's magnificent attractions. Today, Hartford is a richly diverse urban center.

The city's many festivals and events reflect its population composed of African-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Jamaicans, Brazilians, Italians, Bosnians, Peruvians, Indians, Guyanese, Mexicans, Burmese, Albanians, Chinese, Somalians, Polish and many other nationalities and ethnicities.

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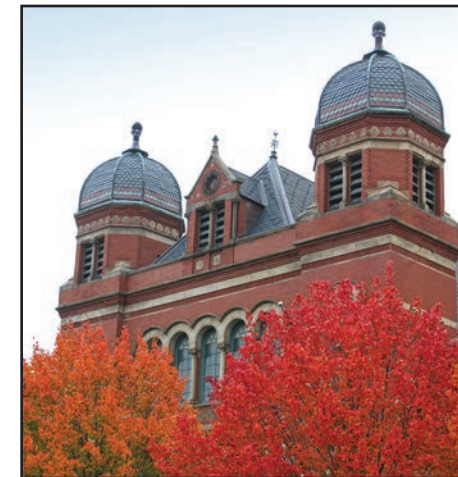
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grams and events. 250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, 860-724-3623, [ctsciencecenter.org](http://ctsciencecenter.org)

### GALLERY AT CONSTITUTION PLAZA:

Changing exhibitions promoting cultural enrichment and visual understanding of art, film and historic preservation in Connecticut. Free. One Constitution Plaza, 2nd fl., 860-256-2800, [www.ctvis-it.com/museums-and-galleries](http://www.ctvis-it.com/museums-and-galleries)

### GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART:

At TheaterWorks/City Arts on Pearl. Free. Open Mon.- Fri. 9am-3pm, and 90-minutes before curtain at TheaterWorks. 233 Pearl St., 860-527-7838, [www.theaterworkshartford.org](http://www.theaterworkshartford.org)

**REAL ART WAYS:** The home of cutting-edge art in Connecticut has become a lot more. Its theater shows an exciting range of independent films and its parties are legendary. Stop by Creative Cocktail Hour on the third Thursday of every month – the hottest gathering in town. 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, 860-232-1006, [www.realartways](http://www.realartways)

### PROMENADE GALLERY in The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts:

166 Capitol Ave., 860-987-6000, [www.bushnell.org](http://www.bushnell.org)

**WADSWORTH ATHENEUM:** Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth is the oldest public art museum in the country. Among the 50,000 items in its collections are some of the finest paintings from the Hudson River School of landscape paintings, the Wallace Nutting collection of American colonial furniture and decorative arts; and the Samuel Colt firearms collection. 600 Main Street, Hartford, 860-278-2670, [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org)

## Historic & Cultural Sites

**ANCIENT BURYING GROUND:** Hartford's oldest historic site, final resting place of

many founders of the city. Gravestone art and history from mid-1600s to early 1800s. Mon.-Sat. weather permitting. Gold St. & Main St., 860-296-6128, [www.theancientburyingground.org](http://www.theancientburyingground.org)



**BUSHNELL PARK CAROUSEL:** Antique 102-year-old wooden Stein & Goldstein carousel, open year-round in new enclosed pavilion. Rentals available. 1 Jewell St. at the Memorial Arch, 860-585-5411; [www.thecarouselmuseum.org](http://www.thecarouselmuseum.org)

**BUTLER-MCCOOK HOUSE & GARDEN AND AMOS BULL HOUSE:** 1782 home chronicles Hartford's transformation to a modern city. Open May through December. Group tours available. 396 Main St., 860-522-1806, [www.ctlandmarks.org](http://www.ctlandmarks.org)

**CALDER'S STEGOSAURUS:** Alexander Calder's massive, yet whimsical, steel sculpture towers above Burr Mall, a small park located between the Wadsworth Atheneum and Hartford City Hall.

**CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:** Encompassing 270-acres, Cedar Hill welcomes visitors to experience its art, culture, history and nature's beauty. Self-guided tour materials. 453 Fairfield Ave., 860-956-3311, [www.cedarhillfoundation.org](http://www.cedarhillfoundation.org)

**CENTER CHURCH:** Hartford's founding

institution. View Tiffany stained-glass windows and learn about Hartford's history. Call for hours or to schedule a visit. Corner of Gold & Main Streets, 860-249-5631, [www.centerchurchhartford.org](http://www.centerchurchhartford.org)

**CONNECTICUT STATE CAPITOL:** Gold-domed, High Victorian Gothic building completed in 1878. State executive offices and legislative chambers, historic displays. Free tours Mon. thru Fri. start in adjacent Legislative Office Building (300 Capitol Ave.). Closed weekends, state & federal holidays. Group reservations necessary. 210 Capitol Ave., 860-240-0222, [www.cga.ct.gov/capitol tours](http://www.cga.ct.gov/capitol tours)

**CONNECTICUT STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL:** State's new memorial honors all Connecticut veterans, past, present and future. Outdoors, year-round, free. 360 Broad St. in Minuteman Park, 860-616-3603, [www.cthonorsvets.org](http://www.cthonorsvets.org)



**CONNECTICUT'S OLD STATE HOUSE:** Interactive exhibit, Curiosity Museum, restored historic chambers, guided and self-guided tours and family fun! Hours/admission on website. Gift shop of Connecticut items. 800 Main St., 860-522-6766, [www.ctoldstatehouse.org](http://www.ctoldstatehouse.org)

**HARRIET BEECHER STOWE CENTER:** A 21st-century museum, the Center uses the author's story to inspire social justice and positive change. Stowe

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wrote the best-selling anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin. Stowe House tours, plus discounted tours with Mark Twain House & Museum. 77 Forest St., 860-522-9258 ext.317, [www.harrietbeecher-stowe.org](http://www.harrietbeecher-stowe.org)

**ISHAM-TERRY HOUSE:** Built in 1854, example of the Italianate style popular before the Civil War. Remodeled in 1880's, gas lighting fixtures, stained glass windows, painted walls/ceilings in many design styles. By appt. only. 211 High St., 860-247-8996, ext. 11, [www.ctlandmarks.org](http://www.ctlandmarks.org)



**KENEY CLOCK TOWER:** A landmark for those entering Hartford's downtown area from the north. Built in 1898 by Henry Keney in memory of his mother at the site of the family homestead and business. Main & Ely Streets, 860-722-6505

**MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM:** Victorian mansion where author lived from 1874 to 1891 when he created the famous characters Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Museum Center features galleries, store and café. Year-round. 351 Farmington Ave., 860-247-0998, [www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org)



**SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL ARCH:** 116-ft.-tall brownstone memorial designed by architect George Keller. Erected in 1886, dedicated to 4,000 Hartford citizens who served in the Civil War. Free tours Thursdays, May-Oct. from 12pm-1:30pm. Bushnell Park, 860-232-6710, [www.bushnellpark.org](http://www.bushnellpark.org)

## Movie Theaters

**AMC CLASSIC:** Bloomfield, 863 Park Avenue, 860-286-7900, [www.amctheatres.com](http://www.amctheatres.com)

**APPLE CINEMAS HARTFORD XTREME:** 330 New Park Avenue, Hartford, 860-236-6677, [www.applecinemas.com/movies](http://www.applecinemas.com/movies)

**APPLE CINEMAS LUXURY DINE-IN:** 39 Front Street, Hartford, 959-255-9300, [www.applecinemas.com/movies](http://www.applecinemas.com/movies)

**CINESTUDIO:** 200 Summit Street, Trinity College, Hartford, 860-297-2544, [www.cinestudio.org](http://www.cinestudio.org)

**REAL ART WAYS THEATER:** 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, 860-232-1006, [www.realartways](http://www.realartways)

**WADSWORTH ATHENEUM AETNA THEATER:** 600 Main Street, Hartford, 860-278-2670, [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org)

## Performance Venues

**THE BUSHNELL:** Many of the world's greatest performers have trod across The Bushnell's stage, from Arturo Toscanini to Judy Garland. It is home to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and other arts organizations and hosts a wide variety of shows virtually every week, some right off Broadway. The entertainment complex includes the original Mortensen Hall and the recently constructed Belding Theater, as well as space for meetings, weddings and other events. 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, 860.987.5900, [bushnell.org](http://bushnell.org).

**CAROL AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS:** Located on the campus of the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, the Center presents an eclectic line-up of plays, concerts and other events. 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, 860-232-4571, [usj.edu/arts](http://usj.edu/arts)

**INFINITY HALL :** This acoustically pristine, 500-seat theater is modeled on its legendary parent theater located in Norfolk, Connecticut. It hosts approximately 250 music and comedy shows annually by the likes of Al DiMeola, the Gin Blossoms and Howard Jones. 32 Front Street, Hartford, 1-866-666-6306, [www.infinityhall.com/Events/](http://www.infinityhall.com/Events/)

**LINCOLN THEATER:** Located on the University of Hartford campus, this theater seats 716 people. The Lincoln makes full use of the university's talented students and faculty from the world-famous Hartt School of Music. 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, 860.768.4100 [hartford.edu/hartt](http://hartford.edu/hartt)

**WEBSTER UNDERGROUND:** "Hartford's

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own CBGBs" is located just around the corner from Trinity College in Hartford's South End. The architecture of the former movie theater is Art Deco, the music is rock from top acts and up-and-comers. 31 Webster Street, Hartford, 860-525-5553, [webstertheater.com](http://webstertheater.com)

**XFINITY THEATRE:** One of the largest amphitheatres in the country is located just minutes north of Downtown Hartford. The Xfinity has a total capacity 30,000 people (22,500 outdoors, 7,500 indoors) and hosts a mix of some of the top musical acts in the country, from Dave Matthews to Jason Aldine. 61 Savitt Way, Hartford, (203) 265-1501, [hartfordtheatre.com](http://hartfordtheatre.com).

**XL CENTER:** In addition to major sporting events, this 16,000 seat arena hosts a full schedule of major music concerts. Recent performers include Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, Elton John, Blake Shelton, Chris Bacon and many more. 1 Civic Center Plaza, Hartford, 860-249-6333, [xlcenter.com](http://xlcenter.com)

## Theaters

**HARTBEAT ENSEMBLE:** Now in its 20th year, HartBeat is activist theater at its best. Many of the ensemble's plays are based on interviews with Hartford residents. HartBeat's home is the historic Carriage House Theater, located across the street from the former home of a Hartford resident who also liked to stir things up: Mark Twain. 360 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, 860-548-9144, [hartbeatensemble.org](http://hartbeatensemble.org)

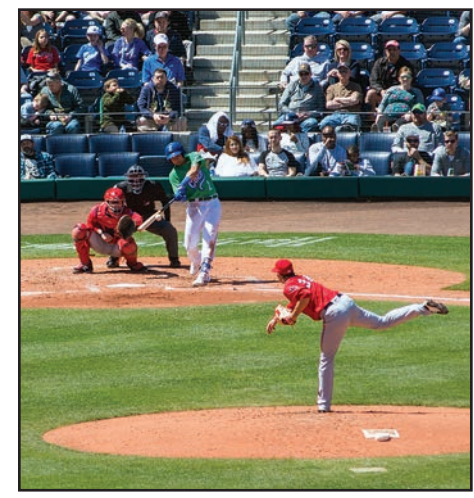
**HARTFORD STAGE:** This powerhouse theater presents both original productions and innovative revival of theatrical classics. Now in its 59th year, Hartford Stage has presented over 80 North American and world premiers. 50 Church St., Hartford, 860- 527-5151, [hartfordstage.org](http://hartfordstage.org)

**PLAYHOUSE ON PARK:** Located on bustling Park Road in West Hartford, Playhouse on Park strives to build community through theater. Productions are designed to be appealing, enlightening and affordable to a wide audience. 244 Park Rd., West Hartford, 860-523-5900, [playhouseonpark.org](http://playhouseonpark.org)

**THEATERWORKS:** Founded in 1985, TheaterWorks produces some of the most innovative and relevant theater in New England. In over three decades it has turned out over 150 plays. Located in a historic building in Downtown Hartford, TheaterWorks hosts approximately 225 performances annually. 233 Pearl St, Hartford, 860-527-7838, [theaterworkshartford.org](http://theaterworkshartford.org).

## Sports Venues

**DILLON STADIUM:** Home of the Hartford Athletic professional soccer team. For information on tickets, go to [hartfordathletic.com/tickets](http://hartfordathletic.com/tickets) or contact the team at: 250 Huyshope Avenue, 860-216-0816; [hartfordathletic.com](http://hartfordathletic.com)



**DUNKIN' DONUTS PARK:** Home field of the Hartford Yard Goats minor league baseball team. The stadium also hosts numerous other events throughout the year. 1214 Main St., (860) 246-4628, [www.milb.com/hartford/ballpark/ddp-navigation](http://www.milb.com/hartford/ballpark/ddp-navigation)

## Other Points of Interest

**CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER:** Full-service facility accommodates meetings, conventions, banquets, trade shows, receptions and weddings. Located Downtown in the exciting river-front district, Adriaen's Landing. 100 Columbus Blvd., 860-249-6000, [www.ctconventions.com](http://www.ctconventions.com)



**FRONT STREET DISTRICT:** Dining and entertainment complex located in Adriaen's Landing, across from the Connecticut Convention Center. Features Apple Cinemas Luxury Dine-In Movie Theater, Infinity Music Hall Hartford, and a growing number of restaurants. 39 Front St., 860-527-0100, [www.frontstreetdistrict.com](http://www.frontstreetdistrict.com)

**GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE:** Gracious Georgian Revival structure, built in 1909, home to Connecticut's First Families since 1945. Group tours by appt. on Tuesdays. Not open July or Aug. 990 Prospect Ave., 860-524-7355, [portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/About/Governors-Residence](http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/About/Governors-Residence)

To get the most comprehensive and most up-to-date info on Hartford events, go to [hartford.com](http://hartford.com) and click, "Where To Go."



# Historic Hartford Landscapes and Buildings

## Did you know?

The Bushnell Park was the first and oldest publicly funded park in the United States? The state capitol stands guard over the beautiful landscape. The Park has lush green lawns, is home to one of the first carousels in the country, and is a central hub for jazz festivals, fireworks display, and family gatherings.

It was not always this way. In 1850 the population of Hartford was multiplying. Hartford experienced growing pains, which brought poverty, poor sanitation, polluted water, and air. There was a push for clean spaces for people to play and relax.

Reverend Horace Bushnell solicited the idea of a publicly funded park. It took perseverance and planning, but the designer, Jacob Weidemann, finally planted trees and the green lawn after



Smile Studio Dentists visit Hartford City Hall

ten years, and the park came to life.

A hundred years later, another archi-

tect of design, I. M. Pei created the Bushnell Tower, a twenty-seven-story high modernist building. He is hailed genius of his day due to his high-profile designs, such as the Louvre in Paris. The building contains condos that overlook Bushnell Park and the Connecticut River. Bushnell tower has been added to the state registry of Historic places by the Connecticut historic preservation council.

Bushnell Tower is home to the Smile Studio Dentistry, a modern and newly renovated dental office. The office has floor-to-ceiling windows that look out into the park. If you are looking for a relaxing health facility with a piece of History, please give us a call at The Smile Studio (The Smile Studio, 1 Gold Street Suite 1Q, Hartford, CT 06103, Phone 860-728-5264)

# Bloomfield

A diverse suburb north of Hartford, Bloomfield includes numerous parks and large open spaces perfect for hiking. *Incorporated: May, 1835; taken from Windsor. Total area: 26.2 sq. miles. Population: 20,525. Post office, Bloomfield. Rural free delivery. Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Ave., P.O. Box 337, 06002-0337; Tel., Hartford, (860) 769-3500; FAX, (860) 769-3597. Website: [www.bloomfieldct.org](http://www.bloomfieldct.org).*

## Attractions

**4-H Center at Auer Farm (158 Auer Farm Rd.)** 120-acre farm. Seasonal education programs, picnic areas, gardens, animals. Some activities require advance reservations/fees. 860-242-7144, [www.auerfarm.org](http://www.auerfarm.org)

**Back East Brewing Company (1296 Blue Hills Ave.)** Family-owned craft brewery that hosts tours and special tastings. 860-242-1793, [www.backeastbrewing.com](http://www.backeastbrewing.com)

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**Wintonbury Historical Society** (153 School St., Rt. 178) Museum and library. Local genealogical records. Open most Monday afternoons. Please call for an appointment. 860-243-1531, [www.bloomfieldcthistory.org](http://www.bloomfieldcthistory.org)

**Filley Park** (Located in Town Center, west of Tunxis Avenue) "The Jewel of Bloomfield" is a recently renovated compact park with a stream and pond.

**Gillette Ridge Golf Club** (1360 Hall Blvd.) 860-726-1430, [gilletteridgegolf.com](http://gilletteridgegolf.com)

**Old Farm School (151 School St., corner of Park Ave. Rt. 178)** Two-story schoolhouse built in 1796. Open Sunday afternoons from 1 – 4 from May 15 through October 15. 860-242-1531, [www.bloomfieldcthistory.org](http://www.bloomfieldcthistory.org)

**Penwood State Park (560 Simsbury Rd.)** Mountain bike accessibility. 860-424-3200. [www.ct.gov/deep/penwood](http://www.ct.gov/deep/penwood)

**Thomas Hooker Brewing Company (16 Tobey Rd.)** Microbrewery produces



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**Wintonbury Hills Golf Course (206 Terry Plains Rd.)** 860-242-1401, [www.wintonburyhillsgolf.com](http://www.wintonburyhillsgolf.com)





# East Hartford

Located across from Hartford and connected to it by three bridges, East Hartford is home of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and Rentschler Field, home of the UCONN Huskies football team. *Incorporated: Oct., 1783; taken from Hartford. Total area: 18.8 sq. miles. Population: 51,318. Post office, East Hartford Main, Silver Lane. Town Hall, 740 Main St., 06108-3114; Tel., Hartford, (860) 291-7230; FAX, (860) 291-7238. Website: www.easthartfordct.gov.*

### Attractions

**Cabela's (475 East Hartford Blvd. North)** Next to Rentschler Field stadium. 185,000-sq.-ft. retail showroom, educational/entertainment attraction with huge aquariums and trophy animals in recreations of natural habitats. 860-290-6200, www.cabelas.com

**East Hartford Cultural Center (50 Chapman Pl.)** Host to numerous cultural

and community events. To reserve space, call 860-291-7160, www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation/pages/community-cultural-center

**Great River Park (East River Dr. near Hartland St.)** Park has something for everyone – 350-seat amphitheater, public art display, boat docking, picnicking, playgrounds and fishing. 860-713-3131, www.riverfront.org

**Huguenot House/East Hartford Historical Society (307 Burnside Ave.)** Restored home of colonial saddlemaker, gambrel roof, vaulted dormer windows. Ask about friendly ghost. Also, 1820 one-room Goodwin School House and 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop. Call for hours. 860-528-0716, www.hseh.org

**Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk at Riverfront (On the banks of the Connecticut River)** Award-winning sculptures reflecting the life and values



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of Abraham Lincoln. Free. 860-713-3131, www.riverfront.org

**East Hartford Golf Club & One Wood Pub Restaurant, (130 Long Hill St.)** 18-hole course. Reasonable rates. 860.616.6649, www.theonewoodpub.com

**Rentschler Field (615 Silver Ln.)** 40,000-seat sports & entertainment stadium. Home to UConn Huskies football, concerts, special events and more. 860-610-4700, www.rentschlerfield.com

# Newington

A small, quiet suburb, Newington is adjacent to Hartford, West Hartford and New Britain, giving easy access to jobs, dining and cultural resources and activities. Newington Center has a charming variety of shops and eateries. In addition, numerous retail shops and restaurants line the Berlin Turnpike, which runs through the west side of town. *Incorporated July 10, 1871; taken from Wethersfield. Total area: 13.2 sq. miles. Population: 30,599. Post office: Newington. Rural free delivery. Town Hall: 131 Cedar St., 06111-2644; Tel., (860) 665-8545; FAX, (860) 665-8551. Website: www.newingtonct.gov.*

### Attractions

**American Radio Relay League (ARRL) (225 Main St.)** The Center of U.S. Amateur ("ham") Radio since 1914. Learn about ham radio, visit W1AW flagship station. Free tours Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm. 860-594-0200, www.arrl.org

**Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama (2143 Berlin Tpke.)** Great family fun, birthday parties, get togethers, leagues. 860-666-5411, www.bowloramact.com

**Enoch Kelsey House (1702 Main St.)** Built in 1799 by Enoch Kelsey, noted for trompe l'oeil wall paintings, free-hand-painted wall designs which imitate

wallpaper. Open for tours by appointment. Call 860-666-7118

**Kellogg-Eddy House (679 Willard Ave.)** Built in 1808 for Gen. Martin Kellogg. New England interpretation of Georgian-style house noted for Greek Revival design influences. Open for tours by appointment. 860-666-7118

**Mill Pond Park (123 Garfield Street)** Contains Mill Pond Falls, billed as the smallest natural waterfall in the country – as well as a basketball court, two soccer fields, a boundless playground, a fishing pond for children under 16, a baseball field, an outdoor pool and a walking nature trail. (860) 665-8666

**National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument (Ella Grasso Blvd.)** This monument is the only one in the world built by Iwo Jima Survivors. It is dedicated to the 100 CT men who lost their lives in the Battle of Iwo Jima and the 6,821 Americans who died in the battle. The monument is 40 feet high, and flies a 48-star American flag to make the statue historically correct. For more information, please email to: contact@iwojimamemorial.org or write to Iwo Jima Survivors Assoc., P.O. Box 310516, Newington, CT 06111.

**Newington Children's Theatre Company (743 North Mountain Rd.)**



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# Wethersfield

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### Attractions

**Buttolph-Williams House (249 Broad St.)** Built around 1715, house reflects popularity of traditional architecture imported from England with diamond-paned windows and hewn overhangs. 860-529-0612, [www.webb-deane-stevens.org](http://www.webb-deane-stevens.org)

**Cove Warehouse (North end of Main St.)** Ancient warehouse features maritime exhibits. Mid-May to mid-Oct. 860-529-7656. [www.wethersfieldhistory.org](http://www.wethersfieldhistory.org)

**Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center (156 Prospect St.)** Ecology education center with exhibits, animals, library, and park. Tue.-Sat. 860-529-3075, [www.ebw-naturecenter.org](http://www.ebw-naturecenter.org)

**Historic Wethersfield (Exit 26 off I-91)** Also known as "Old Wethersfield." Quaint shops and museums in historic buildings. Restaurants, museums, bed & breakfasts, art galleries, antiques, jewelry, travel agency. 860-529-7656, [www.wethersfieldhistory.org](http://www.wethersfieldhistory.org)

**Hurlbut-Dunham House Museum (212 Main St.)** Elegant brick Georgian, renovated in Italianate style in 1860s. Mid-May to mid-Oct. on Sat. & Sun. Admission: \$5 for over age 16. 860-529-7656, [www.wethersfieldhistory.org](http://www.wethersfieldhistory.org)

**Old Academy Genealogical & Research Library (150 Main St.)** Research town history and genealogy. Tue.-Fri. 10am-4pm. 860-529-7656, [www.wethersfieldhistory.org](http://www.wethersfieldhistory.org)



Wethersfield Museum at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center

**Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum (211 Main St.)** Encounter the charm, hardship and political intrigue of the 18th-19th centuries. 860-529-0612, [www.webb-deane-stevens.org](http://www.webb-deane-stevens.org)

**Wethersfield Museum at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center (200 Main St.)** Features permanent and changing exhibits, gift shop. Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1pm-4pm. 860-529-7161, [www.wethhist.org](http://www.wethhist.org)

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Historic Wethersfield

Tour a museum or two. Browse shops on the picturesque Main Street. Stroll by 150 historic homes. Picnic by the Cove. Eateries with delicious food at unique locations. Discover this year-round museum of living history.



Cove 1690 Warehouse Maritime Museum

Visit our website for upcoming events including Holidays on Main, a new Maritime Exhibit, Music, Lectures, Art Classes and ongoing events throughout the year. Visit: [historicwethersfield.org](http://historicwethersfield.org) or call: 860.721.2939



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Walk / Ride along Broad Street Green

# West Hartford

**W**ith a population of approximately 63,000, West Hartford is one of the largest cities in Connecticut and has a nationally-known public school system. Several areas are also regional destinations for dining and shopping, including Elmwood Center, Bishops Corner, Westfarms Mall, West Hartford Center and Park Road. *Incorporated May, 1854; taken from Hartford. Total area: 22.4 sq. miles. Population: 63,362. Town Hall, 50 So. Main St., Rm. 313, 06107; Tel., Hartford, (860) 561-7430; FAX, (860) 561-7438. Website: [www.westhartford.org](http://www.westhartford.org).*

### Attractions

**Joseloff Gallery of the Hartford Art School (Harry Jack Gray Center at University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave.)** Artist, student and faculty exhibitions throughout year. 860-768-4090, [www.joseloffgallery.org](http://www.joseloffgallery.org)

**New Children's Museum (950 Trout Brook Dr.)** Wildlife sanctuary, planetari-

um, hands-on experiences. 860-231-2824, [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org)

**Noah Webster House/West Hartford Historical Society (227 South Main St.)** Birthplace of the creator of first American dictionary. Tours, educational programs, exhibits, shop. 860-521-5362, [www.noahwebsterhouse.org](http://www.noahwebsterhouse.org)

**Rockledge Golf Club (289 South Main St.)** One of the finest 18-hole public golf courses in the Northeast region. 860-561-8280, [www.golfrockledge.com](http://www.golfrockledge.com)

**Sarah Whitman Hooker Homestead (1237 New Britain Ave.)** Three periods of early Connecticut domestic architecture, 1720-1830. 860-523-5887, [www.sarahwhitmanhooker.com](http://www.sarahwhitmanhooker.com)

**University of Saint Joseph Art Gallery (1678 Asylum Ave.)** Open year-round with changing exhibitions and a permanent collection of over 2,000 artworks. 860-231-5399, [www.usj.edu/artgallery](http://www.usj.edu/artgallery)

Hall's Market has been a fixture on Park Road in West Hartford since 1935.

**Veterans Memorial Skating Rink (56 Buena Vista Rd.)** Skate rentals. 7 days/week year-round. 860-521-1573, [www.skatevmsr.com](http://www.skatevmsr.com)

**West Hartford Art League (37 Buena Vista Rd.)** Regional art center. Monthly exhibits of local, regional artists. 860-231-8019, [www.westhartfordart.org](http://www.westhartfordart.org)

**Westmoor Park (119 Flagg Rd.)** Environmental education center and demonstration farm with nature trails. 860-561-8260, [www.westmoorpark.org](http://www.westmoorpark.org)

# Windsor

**I**n 1634, a party of around 30 people, sponsored by Sir Richard Saltonstall, and led by the Stiles brothers, Francis, John and Henry, settled in the Windsor area, making it the first English settlement in the state. Windsor once included all or part of the following towns: Windsor Locks, South Windsor, East Windsor, Ellington, and Bloomfield. *Settled, Sept. 26, 1633; named, Feb., 1637. Total area: 31.1 sq. miles. Population: 29,060. Post offices: Windsor and Poquonock. Mill rate: 30.47. Town Hall, 275 Broad St., P.O. Box 472, 06095-0472; Tel., (860) 285-1902; FAX, (860) 285-1909. [www.townofwindsorct.com](http://www.townofwindsorct.com).*

### Attractions

**Luddy/Taylor Connecticut Valley Tobacco Museum (135 Lang Rd. in Northwest Park)** History/artifacts of cigar tobacco growing in region. Old equipment, tobacco shed, pictures, literature, films. March to mid-Dec.: Thur. - Sat, 12-4. Free. 860-285-1888, [tobaccohistsoc.org](http://tobaccohistsoc.org)

**Northwest Park & Nature Center (145 Lang Rd.)** 473 acres of woodlands/wetlands. Nature center, live animals, hiking, cycling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing rentals, maple syrup house. 860-285-1886, [northwestpark.org](http://northwestpark.org)

**Oliver Ellsworth Homestead (778 Palisado Ave.)** Home of famous Revolutionary patriot, jurist, statesman, and framer of U.S. Constitution. Built in 1780. 860-688-8717, [ellsworthhomesteadaddar.org](http://ellsworthhomesteadaddar.org)

**Vintage Radio & Communications Museum of CT (115 Pierson Ln.)** Dedicated to preservation and history of old-time communications equipment: radios, TVs, telephones, more. 860-683-2903, [vrcmct.org](http://vrcmct.org)

**Windsor Art Center at the Freight House (40 Mechanic St.)** Visual and performing arts. Gallery is free. Gift shop has locally made art. 860-688-2528, [windsorartcenter.org](http://windsorartcenter.org)

Windsor shade tobacco farm.

**Windsor Center River Trail (Rt. 159, Downtown)** Stroll along the Windsor Center River Trail located on a 43-acre site on the Farmington River. Cyclists and roller bladers welcome. [townofwindsorct.com](http://townofwindsorct.com)


**Windsor Historical Society (96 Palisado Ave.)** Two historic houses, exhibition galleries, family learning center, research library, museum gift shop. Year-round: Weds.-Sat. 11am-4pm. 860-688-3813, [www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org)

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HARTFORD</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Best Western Hartford Hotel &amp; Suites</b><br>185 Brainard Rd., 860-525-1000, <a href="http://www.hartford-hotel.com">www.hartford-hotel.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 129        |              |            |            | •              | Out                 | 50                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Candlewood Suites</b><br>370 Market St. 860-724-1074, <a href="http://ihg.com/candlewoodhotels/us/en/hartford">ihg.com/candlewoodhotels/us/en/hartford</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 81         | •            |            |            | •              | Ind.                | 30                  | •                     |                         |
| <b>Goodwin Hotel</b><br>1 Haynes St., 860-246-1881, <a href="http://goodwinhartford.com">goodwinhartford.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 124        |              | •          | •          | •              |                     | 80                  |                       | •                       |
| <b>Hilton Hartford Hotel</b><br>315 Trumbull St., 860-728-5151, <a href="http://www.hartford.hilton.com">www.hartford.hilton.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 393        | •            | •          | •          | •              | In                  | 600                 |                       |                         |
| <b>Marriott HartfordDowntown</b><br>200 Columbus Blvd., 860-249-8000, <a href="http://www.hartfordmarriott.com">www.hartfordmarriott.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 409        |              | •          | •          | •              | In                  | 900                 |                       |                         |
| <b>The Capitol Hotel</b><br>440 Asylum St., 959-888-3000, <a href="http://www.capitolhartford.com">www.capitolhartford.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 96         | •            |            |            | •              |                     | 55                  |                       | •                       |
| <b>Residence Inn by Marriott Downtown Hartford</b><br>942 Main St., 860-524-5550, <a href="http://www.hartfordresidenceinn.com">www.hartfordresidenceinn.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 120        | •            | •          | •          | •              |                     | 50                  |                       | •                       |
| <b>Super 8 Motel</b><br>57 West Service Rd., 860-246-8888, 800-800-8000, <a href="http://www.super8.com">www.super8.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 104        |              |            |            |                |                     | 20                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Travel Inn Motel</b><br>100 Weston St., 860-724-0222   |  |  |  |  |  | 115        |              |            |            |                |                     |                     | •                     |                         |
| <b>EAST HARTFORD</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Comfort Inn &amp; Suites</b><br>333 Roberts St., 860-289-4950, <a href="http://www.comfortinnhartford.com">www.comfortinnhartford.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 75         | •            |            |            | •              |                     | 60                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>EconoLodge</b><br>490 Main St., 860-569-1100, <a href="http://www.econolodge.com">www.econolodge.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 80         |              |            |            |                |                     |                     | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</b><br>351 Pitkin St., 860-282-2500, <a href="http://www.hamptoninneasthartford.com">www.hamptoninneasthartford.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 121        |              |            |            | •              | In                  | 30                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown Area</b><br>100 East River Dr., 860-528-9703, 877-834-3613<br><a href="http://www.holidayinn.com/easthartfordct">www.holidayinn.com/easthartfordct</a>                   |  |  |  |  |  | 215        |              | •          | •          |                | In                  | 350                 | •                     |                         |
| <b>NEWINGTON</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Holiday Inn Express</b><br>2553 Berlin Tpke. 06111, 860-372-4000<br><a href="http://ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/newington/bdInc">ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/newington/bdInc</a> |  |  |  |  |  | 99         |              |            |            | •              | Ind.                | 40                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>WETHERSFIELD</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Chester Bulkley House B&amp;B</b><br>184 Main St., 860-563-4236, <a href="http://www.chesterbulkleyhouse.com">www.chesterbulkleyhouse.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 5          |              |            |            |                |                     |                     | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Comfort Inn Wethersfield</b><br>1330 Silas Deane Hwy., 860-563-2311, <a href="http://www.comfortinn.com">www.comfortinn.com</a>  |  |  |  |  |  | 108        |              | •          |            |                | In                  | 60                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Motel 6</b><br>1341 Silas Deane Hwy., 860-563-5900, 800-466-8356, <a href="http://www.motel6.com">www.motel6.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 144        | •            |            |            |                |                     |                     | •                     |                         |
| <b>Silas W. Robbins House</b><br>185 Broad St, 860-571-8733, <a href="http://www.silaswrobbins.com">www.silaswrobbins.com</a>   |  |  |  |  |  | 5          |              |            |            |                |                     |                     | •                     | •                       |



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| <b>WEST HARTFORD</b>  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Delamar Hotel</b><br>1 Memorial Rd. 06107, 860-937-2500, <a href="http://delamar.com/west-hartford">delamar.com/west-hartford</a>                                    |  | 102        | •            | •          | •          | •              |                     | 300                 | •                     | •                       |
| <b>WINDSOR</b>  |  |            |              |            |            |                |                     |                     |                       |                         |
| <b>Courtyard by Marriott (Hartford/Windsor)</b><br>1 Day Hill Rd., 860-683-0022, <a href="http://www.courtyardhartfordwindsor.com">www.courtyardhartfordwindsor.com</a> |  | 149        |              | •          | •          | •              | In                  | 40                  | •                     |                         |
| <b>Hampton Inn (Hartford/Airport)</b><br>2168 Poquonock Ave., 860-683-1118, <a href="http://www.hamptoninnhartford.com">www.hamptoninnhartford.com</a>                  |  | 110        |              |            |            | •              | In                  | 30                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Hartford/Windsor Marriott Airport Hotel</b><br>28 Day Hill Rd., 860-688-7500, <a href="http://www.hartfordairportmarriott.com">www.hartfordairportmarriott.com</a>   |  | 295        |              | •          | •          | •              | In                  | 600                 | •                     |                         |
| <b>Hilton Garden Inn Hartford North/Bradley Intl. Airport</b><br>555 Corporate Dr., 860-688-6400, <a href="http://www.windsor.hgi.com">www.windsor.hgi.com</a>          |  | 157        | •            | •          | •          | •              | In                  | 240                 | •                     |                         |
| <b>HYATT house (Hartford North/Windsor)</b><br>200 Corporate Dr., 860-298-8000, <a href="http://www.hyatthousehartfordnorth.com">www.hyatthousehartfordnorth.com</a>    |  | 132        | •            |            |            | •              | In                  | 60                  | •                     | •                       |
| <b>Residence Inn by Marriott (Hartford/Windsor)</b><br>100 Dunfey Ln., 860-688-7474, <a href="http://www.residenceinn.com">www.residenceinn.com</a>                     |  | 96         | •            |            |            | •              | Out                 |                     | •                     | •                       |







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## Upcoming Events

**PLAYBOI CARTI: King Vamp**  
December 14, 2021

**The Harlem Globetrotters**  
December 26, 2021

**Disney On Ice presents  
Mickey's Search Party**  
January 6 - 9, 2022

**Monster Jam**  
March 19 - 20, 2022

**TobyMac Hits Deep Tour**  
March 29, 2022



# Getting Around Greater Hartford

Whether you want to go around  
the block or around the world,  
Greater Hartford has a wide  
variety of transportation options.



**Bradley  
International  
Airport (BDL)**  
[BradleyAirport.com](http://BradleyAirport.com)

- Located in Windsor Locks, just 12 miles from Hartford
- Airlines include Aer Lingus, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest & United Airlines
- Car rental & taxi services available
- Public transportation connects BDL and Hartford (see Bradley Flyer)



**CTtransit**

[www.cttransit.com](http://www.cttransit.com)

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**Bradley  
Flyer  
by CTtransit**

[www.cttransit.com/services/bradley-flyer](http://www.cttransit.com/services/bradley-flyer) or call 860-525-9181

Semi-express bus service to Bradley International Airport for a low local bus fare. The Bradley Flyer provides direct service to the Connecticut Convention Center and Union Station in Hartford. The trips operate approximately hourly between downtown Hartford and all the terminals at the airport, seven days a week.



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by CTtransit**

[www.cttransit.com/services/ctfastrak](http://www.cttransit.com/services/ctfastrak)

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- Car rental is available at the airport and in Downtown Hartford
- Livery service is approximately \$80. Numerous companies serve the Greater Hartford region.
- Uber: inexpensive transportation for up to 4 people. Go to the website: [www.uber.com/ride](http://www.uber.com/ride).
- Lyft: Serves Bradley Airport and the region. Go to the website: [www.lyft.com/cities/hartford-ct](http://www.lyft.com/cities/hartford-ct).



**Hartford Parking  
Authority**  
11 Asylum St., Hartford  
[hartfordparking.com](http://hartfordparking.com)

- MAT Garage, 20 Church Street, Hartford
- 58 Chapel Street Lot, Hartford
- Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford
- On-street metered parking (see page 30)



**Union Station  
Hartford (HFD)**  
[hartfordtransit.org/  
unionstation.html](http://hartfordtransit.org/unionstation.html)

- Located in Downtown Hartford
- Services Amtrak, Bonanza, Greyhound, Peter Pan and others
- Taxi service available
- Hertz car rentals available
- Connections to CTtransit local bus routes



**Brainard Airport**  
[ctaairports.org/airports/  
hartford-brainard/](http://ctaairports.org/airports/hartford-brainard/)

- Hartford Jet Center (FBO, Air Charter, Aircraft Sales and Detailing) [hfdjet.com](http://hfdjet.com), (860) 548-9334
- Enterprise Rent a Car: [www.enterprise.com/ga](http://www.enterprise.com/ga), (860) 296-2511
- Pegasus Air Charter (Passenger Air Service): [pegasusaircharter.com](http://pegasusaircharter.com), (860) 670-8593

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**JENKS BRIDAL SHOW** .....JAN. 8 & 9

**RV & CAMPING SHOW** .....JAN. 28, 29 & 30

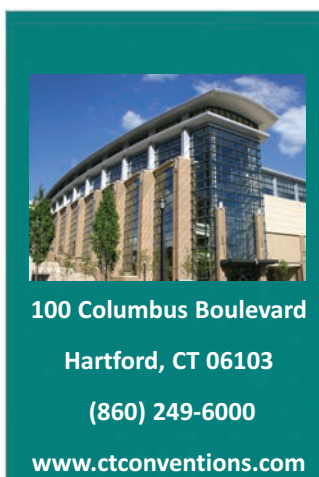
**CT KIDS FAIR** .....FEB. 5 & 6

**CT GOLF SHOW** .....FEB. 18,19 & 20

**CT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW**.....FEB. 24, 25 26 & 27

**CT HOME & REMODELING SHOW** .....MARCH 4, 5 & 6

**90'S CON**.....MARCH 11, 12 & 13







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